



Friday
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The Times Regional Newspaper visited and interviewed offenders from the Inside/Outside Dad's program at Westville Correctional Facility. The paper ran a special Father's Day article that highlighted the offender's relationship with their children and the importance of giving their children the hope and courage necessary as they await their father's release. The Times also interviewed the offenders' children for their perspective of having a father in prison. The article reinforced the value of the facility's fatherhood programs.

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent Bill Hyatt (IYC) and Re-entry Monitor Nicole Doctor (WCC) for their winning entries in the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund's "Rename the Fund" contest! The Fund will now be known as the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI), to more accurately reflect the Fund's purpose. The SECC code for the upcoming fall campaign will remain 662100.

The Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) hosted an Indiana Canine Assistant Network (ICAN) graduation ceremony. The graduation ceremony for 12 canine graduates followed two long weeks of team training with the offender handlers and the recipients receiving their new canine partner. Dustin Hillman, a recipient from Lafayette, said his service dog, Tippy, has already made a difference in his life. Tippy can smell when Hillman, a diabetic, has low blood sugar, and the dog has made him exercise more. IWP is proud of staff and the offenders for their commitment to community involvement. (see photo below)



The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) paid a visit to the Indiana State Prison after a baby hawk fell out of its nest on facility grounds. DNR staff examined the baby hawk and advised ISP staff that it was an endangered species. The baby hawk is alive and well and has been removed from the grounds.

Select students from Camp Summit Boot Camp, Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility, Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility, and South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility contributed poems,

artwork, fiction, and nonfiction prose for the first edition of "Keeping it 100: Voices from the Inside" literary journal. This endeavor is the first of many editions to be published that showcases the talents of students who are currently incarcerated. Anyone interested in contributing their students' work should contact Janet Freeman at South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility (jfreeman@doc.in.gov).

Branchville Correctional Facility E-Squad members Sergeant John Pyle and Officer Mike Lasher attended the Special Weapons Academy at New Castle. They received top team honors as the best shooters in the state.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) held a Staff Recall and Staff Apprenticeship Graduation. CIF was pleased to have 244 staff members graduate, the largest graduation to date.

Superintendents Keith Butts and Donna Carneygee signed a Memorandum of Understanding that combines the training services and resources of the Pendleton Correctional Facility and the Correctional Industrial Facility.

Camp Summit Boot Camp conducted an Employee Assembly to brief staff on significant events taking place at the facility and to recognize staff accomplishments from the last four months. Five Camp Summit employees were given awards for their outstanding contributions to the facility and state service over the past three-months. Several staff were also recognized for their years of State Service: 15 years, Tom Ferrara; 10 years, Mickey Elch; and 5 years service, Adrienne Harrison.

Victim services groups toured Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility to review the programming students are required to complete before release. Along with the tour, we discussed the victim notification process and restorative justice options for victims.

Students at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in educational activities pertaining to bullying. Students were informed on the types of bullying that occur and ways to address bullying. Several students created poems, songs and posters with anti-bullying themes.

The 2011 FedEx Plane Pull Challenge to benefit Special Olympics Indiana will take place on Saturday, August 6 at the former Indianapolis Airport terminal. Last year, New Castle Correctional Facility took first place in the Public Safety Division with a time of 5.56 seconds. Don't miss the fun as teams of up to 22 people compete to pull a 164,000 lb. FedEx Boeing 757 a distance of 12 feet across the tarmac in the least amount of time! Register your team online at www.soindiana.org. Please have each individual that is considering participating complete the online registration. Final rosters are not due until the day of the event on August 6th.

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